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Applicant(s): Muneaki IKEDA

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Examiner : Alpus Hsu

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Dated: <u>March 20, 2006</u>

In the event that this Paper is late filed, and the necessary petition for extension of time is not filed concurrently herewith, please consider this as a Petition for the requisite extension of time, and to the extent not tendered by form PTO-2038 attached hereto, authorization to charge the extension fee to Account No. 06-1378.

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed

December 21, 2005, the term for response to which expires on

March 21, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-5, 7 and 9 are amended, and claims 6 and 8 are maintained.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.